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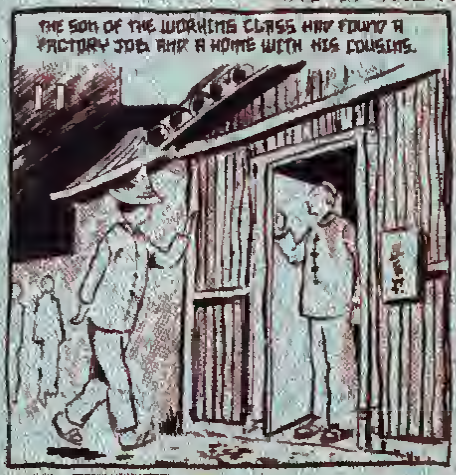
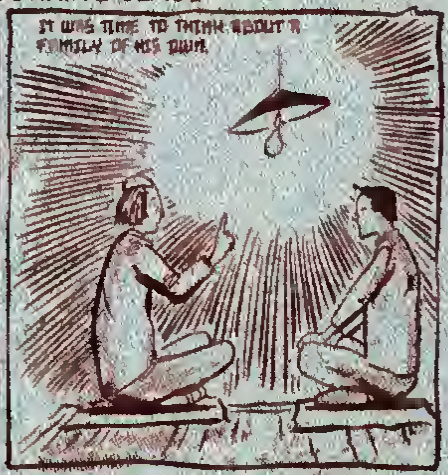
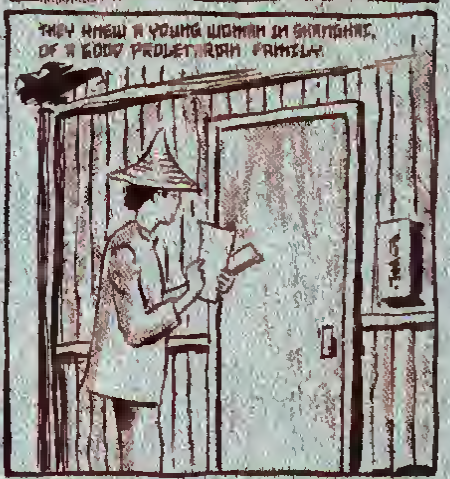
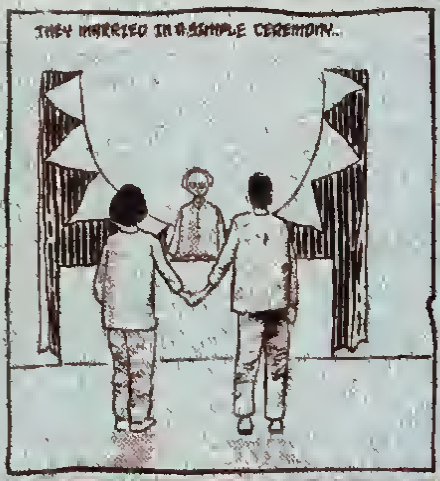
HERO OF THE WORKING CLASS





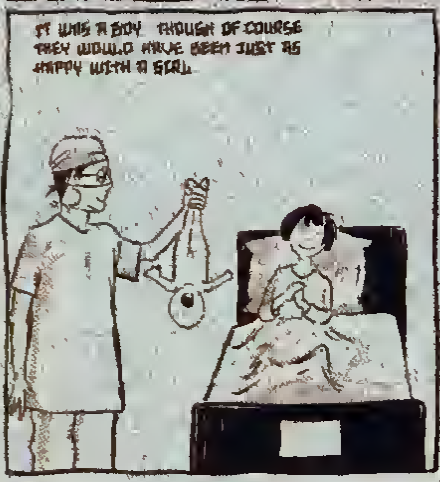



THEY MARRIED IN A SIMPLE CEREMONY..

..AND HIS NEW BRIDE JOINED HIM IN HIS GOOD AND USEFUL WORK AT THE FACTORY.

THEY COULD NOW AFFORD THEIR OWN LIVING QUARTERS.

KEEPING IN MIND THE NEED FOR POPULATION CONTROL, THEY PLANNED CAREFULLY FOR THEIR ONE CHILD.


IT WAS A BOY. THOUGH OF COURSE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST AS HAPPY WITH A GIRL.

LIFE IS GOOD FOR THE SON OF THE WORKING CLASS

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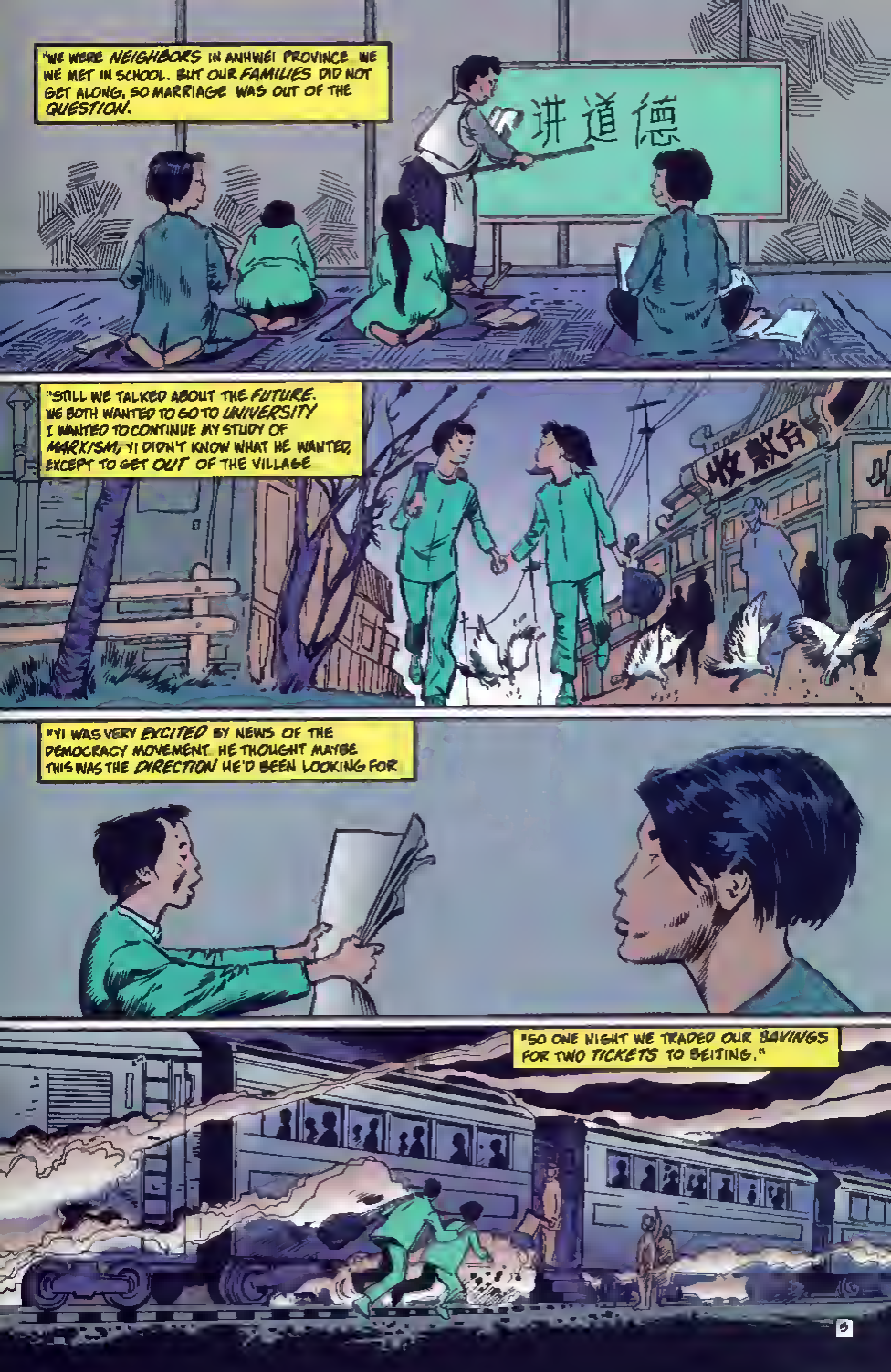
YOU SAID ON THE PHONE..
I DON'T KNOW IF HE CAN HELP YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK HIM
EVEN IF HE CAN, HE MIGHT NOT WANT TO. HE'S LIKE ... THAT.
HELP? HOW? WHAT'S THE STORY?
I TOLD YOU GING IS FROM CHINA
I WAS THERE WHEN THE POLICE ATTACKED THE DEMONSTRATORS AT TIENANMEN. THAT'S WHERE I LOST MY FIANCE'.
FIANCE'?


"WE WERE NEIGHBORS IN ANHWEI PROVINCE. WE MET IN SCHOOL. BUT OUR FAMILIES DID NOT GET ALONG, SO MARRIAGE WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
讲道德
"STILL WE TALKED ABOUT THE FUTURE. WE BOTH WANTED TO GO TO UNIVERSITY. I WANTED TO CONTINUE MY STUDY OF MARXISM; YI DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WANTED, EXCEPT TO GET OUT OF THE VILLAGE.
收款台
"YI WAS VERY EXCITED BY NEWS OF THE DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT. HE THOUGHT MAYBE THIS WAS THE DIRECTION HE'D BEEN LOOKING FOR.
"SO ONE NIGHT WE TRADED OUR SAVINGS FOR TWO TICKETS TO BEIJING."

"WE CAME, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, TO TIENANMEN SQUARE. THERE WE MET CHAI LING, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE STUDENTS.
"THAT WAS WHEN THE POLICE ATTACKED. THEY SAW US WITH CHAI LING AND ASSUMED WE WERE ALSO LEADERS.
"YOU SAW THE NEWS. THE BEATINGS, THE SHOOTINGS, THE STUDENTS RUN OVER BY TANKS.
"WE WERE SEPARATED IN THE RIOT. THAT WAS THE LAST I SAW OF HIM."
QING!
YI!

"THE U.S. EMBASSY HELPED GET ME ON A PLANE TO THE STATES. I HAVE A COUSIN HERE IN DALLAS SO THIS IS WHERE I CAME."
SLICK
AIR ORIENT
BOA
YOUR ENGLISH IS REALLY GOOD
I STUDIED VERY HARD. I HAD HOPED TO BE A TEACHER, OR MAYBE A LECTURER, TO CARRY ON THE IMPORTANT WORK OF MARX AND LENIN
YOU ARE LAUGHING AT ME
NO, NO, IT'S JUST...
"YES, I KNOW. IN THIS COUNTRY NOW YOU THINK MARXISM IS A JOKE. THE SOVIETS ARE IN TROUBLE.
"BUT THE FAILURE OF WORLD COMMUNISM IS NOTHING TO REJOICE OVER. IT IS VERY SAD. IT IS THE END OF A DREAM."

WITHOUT THAT DREAM THERE IS ONLY MATERIALISM
"EVERYTHING IS FOR SALE INCLUDING THE HUMAN SPIRIT
FORECLOSURE
NEW LOW PRICE
"WHEN YOU WORK ONLY FOR MONEY AND POSSESSIONS, YOUR LIFE IS HOLLOW. YOU TRY TO EARN MORE AND MORE, AND IT MAKES YOU LESS AND LESS HAPPY.
"THIS IS WHAT MARX WAS TALKING ABOUT IN HIS PHILOSOPHICAL MANUSCRIPTS OF 1844."
OR LENIN, IN "IMPERIALISM AS THE HIGHEST STAGE OF CAPITALISM", WHERE-
QING
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TELL JACK WHAT YOU TOLD ME. ABOUT YI
OH, YES. I HEARD FROM HIS COUSINS IN SHANGHAI
THEY FOUND HIM A JOB AT A DIGITRONIX PLANT
BUT SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG..
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〈COME ON, MAN. THEY DON'T PAY OVERTIME HERE ISN'T TWELVE HOURS ENOUGH AT THESE LOUSY WAGES?〉
〈I'M COMING. DON'T YOU FIND IT INTERESTING? COMPUTERS! WHAT A MARVEL!〉
〈A LITTLE RICE WINE WOULD BE A GREATER MARVEL. ARE YOU COMING?〉
〈I'LL MEET YOU. I JUST WANT TO FINISH THIS ONE UNIT.〉
〈YOU'RE CRAZY!〉
〈LATER.〉
〈OOPS.〉
MMMM..
CLICK
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(...OVERTIME HERE ISN'T TWELVE HOURS ENOUGH...)
(...AT THESE...)
(...LOUSY...)
(...WAGES--)
CLICK
(I'M TELLING YOU, THE COMPUTER WAS MAKING A RECORDING OF EVERYTHING WE SAID)
(THIS IS CRAZY)
(I KNOW WHAT I HEARD.)
(DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO ANYONE ELSE.)
(I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT.)

(I'M A WOLF FROM THE NORTH/WANDERING IN THIS BOUNDLESS DESOLATE LAND)
(THE BITTER NORTH WIND/ IS BLOWING UP A STORM OF YELLOW SAND...)
(COME ON, MAN, SING!)
(SORRY, THE WINE HAS GONE TO MY HEAD)
(THINKING OF HOME?)
(OF SOME GIRL, MORE LIKELY.)
(HER NAME IS QIAO...)
(I CLAMP MY FROZEN TEETH AND GIVE A HOWL OR TWO FOR NO REASON OTHER THAN MY LONGING FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PRAIRIE IN THAT LEGENDARY LAND...)
(WHERE'S YOUR PLACE? LET SOME SLEEP)
(SHE IS SO BEAUTIFUL...)
(I MISS HER SO MUCH...)

. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE IS. HIS FRIENDS AT WORK HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN DAYS.
BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?
I TALKED TO SUTCLIFFE AND HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING SO I CALLED MY UNCLE, AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO LOOK INTO IT.
IN THE MEANTIME, DING THOUGHT MAYBE THERE'D BE SOMETHING IN THE DIGITRONIX FILES HERE IN TOWN. SOME KIND OF DOCUMENTS.
SURE. NO PROBLEM. I'LL CRACK THOSE FILES LIKE WALNUTS.
THANK YOU. I MUST GO NOW.
ALREADY?
IT'S LATE.
I'LL WALK YOU DOWN.
BE RIGHT BACK.
YEAH.

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INTEROFFICE
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JACK?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Access granted.
Financial Statements calculated.
Please ready printer.
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LIKE YOU WOULDN'T MOVE IN IF YOU GOT HALF A CHANCE!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
WHOA
BINGO.
DIDN'T YOU SAY SUTCLIFFE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YI?

I THINK SHE'S GREAT. ARE YOU GUYS AN ITEM?
EXPENSES
APRIL THROUGH JUNE
NO WAY, MAN WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? SHE'S IN LOVE WITH THIS Y! GUY.
BURDEN
Half-and-Half
STILL NOTHING? WHAT TIME IS IT?
THREE THERE'S NOTHING HERE ON Y! BUNCH OF CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS FOR THE CHINESE PLANT-- PRETTY DULL STUFF
EAST WES
YEAH, WHY?
BECAUSE HE HAD A RESERVATION ON A FLIGHT TO SHANGHAI YESTERDAY
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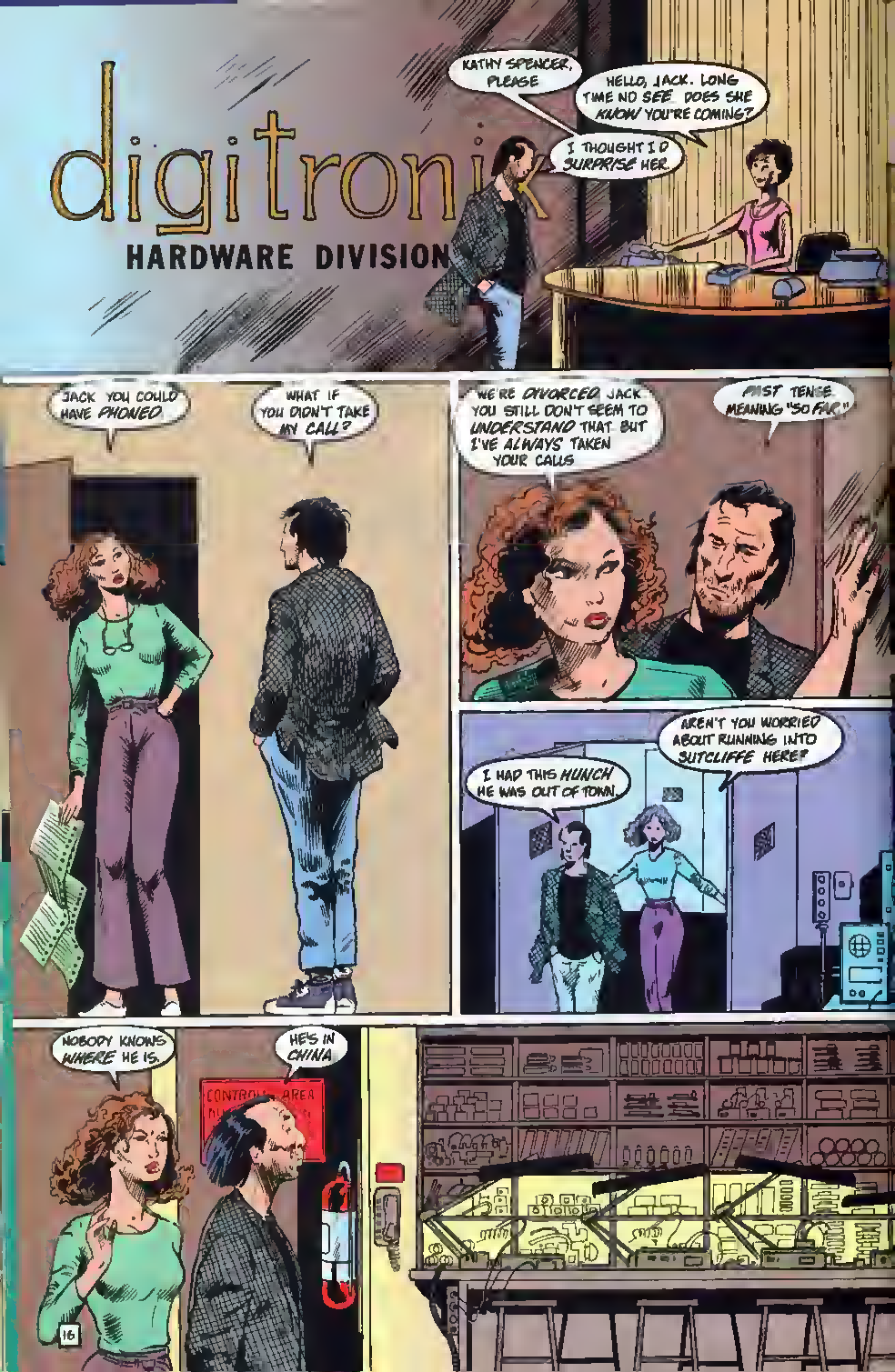
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HARDWARE DIVISION
KATHY SPENCER, PLEASE
HELLO, JACK. LONG TIME NO SEE. DOES SHE KNOW YOU'RE COMING?
I THOUGHT I'D SURPRISE HER.
JACK, YOU COULD HAVE PHONED
WHAT IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE MY CALL?
WE'RE DIVORCED, JACK. YOU STILL DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I'VE ALWAYS TAKEN YOUR CALLS
PAST TENSE, MEANING "SO FAR."
I HAD THIS HUNCH HE WAS OUT OF TOWN.
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT RUNNING INTO SUTCLIFFE HERE?
NOBODY KNOWS WHERE HE IS.
HE'S IN CHINA
CONTROL AREA
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HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SECURITY AT THE DIGITRONIX PLANT IN SHANGHAI
BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PLANT, EITHER
YOU DESIGNED THE DIGITRONIX SECURITY HARDWARE. I FIGURE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT THEY'VE GOT
BECAUSE I CAN. YOU ASSUME I WILL
COME ON KATHY. THIS IS IMPORTANT
NO PHYSICAL STUFF, JACK. WE AGREED, REMEMBER?
BESIDES, IT'S ALWAYS IMPORTANT
OH. HELL. ALL RIGHT.

...THIS IS THE ELECTRIC EYE...
...AND THIS IS THE MOTION DETECTOR.
YOU CONTROL THEM BOTH WITH THIS ONE REMOTE.
I DON'T KNOW WHICH CODES THEY'RE USING. THAT PART'S UP TO YOU.
AND HERE'S A MAP OF THE COMPOUND. THAT'S ALL I KNOW.
SO. ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?
IT'S FOR A FRIEND OF YOSHIO'S.
FEMALE FRIEND?
YOU'RE SMITTEN AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?
SHE'S GOT A BOYFRIEND.
YEP, HE'S SMITTEN AGAIN.
CAN I USE THE PHONE?
LOCAL CALL?
SORRY. I FORGOT.
YOUR LONG-DISTANCE CALLS...
...NEVER SHOW UP ON ANYBODY'S BILL.

HEY, HACKER. YEAH, EVERYTHING'S COOL. ROGER'S ONE OF US NOW. ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL TEACH HIM TO PROGRAM.
AH, LAY OFF, YA DORK.
NO PROB, HACK-MAN. WE'LL WATCH THE FORT WHILE YOU'RE GONE.
CHINA, HUH?
HERE'S A NUMBER YOU CAN USE TO CALL IN IF YOU WANT.
STEEL'S DOING IMPORTANT THINGS NOW.
HEY, MARSHALL. NO, NO MORE VIRUS PROBLEMS.
YOU EVER FIGURE OUT WHERE IT REALLY CAME FROM?
NOT YET BUT I'M GETTING CLOSE. I'M OFF TO CHINA RIGHT NOW TO TRACK IT DOWN.

COME IN AND SIT DOWN. DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
YES, COMRADE PLANT MANAGER, SIR.
IGNORE THE LUXURY WE MUST DEAL WITH WESTERNERS HERE AND THEY EXPECT IT.
TELL US, ARE YOU HAPPY HERE?
YES, SIR VERY MUCH THE WORK IS INTERESTING AND I AM VERY GLAD TO HAVE A JOB.
YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE.
UH, NO SIR, I'M FROM, UH...
YES?
UH, THE COUNTRY SIR. NEAR, UH, YUHAN.
I SEE. YOU MUST HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL SINCE YOU CAME TO THE CITY.

〈YES, SIR. I'VE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT COMPUTERS...〉
〈WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT COMPUTERS?〉
〈I...〉
〈"ENOUGH" WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE. YOU ARE A POLITICAL FUGITIVE WORKING UNDER A FALSE NAME. POSSIBLY A SPY〉
〈BUT SOON THE TRUTH WILL BE REVEALED〉
〈HELLO, YI〉
〈I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME TO MEET YOU〉

AHHHH SUTCLIFFE-SAN WELCOME TO SHANGHAI
THANKS, TOHIRO
AIR ASIA
NC-782
PLEASE... THIS IS OUR CAR
LOTS OF POOR FOLK'S HERE
YES, THE CHINESE THEY HAVE SO LITTLE SELF-CONTROL
BUT AFTER ALL, THAT IS WHY THEY NEED OUR HELP SO BADLY
AH HERE WE ARE
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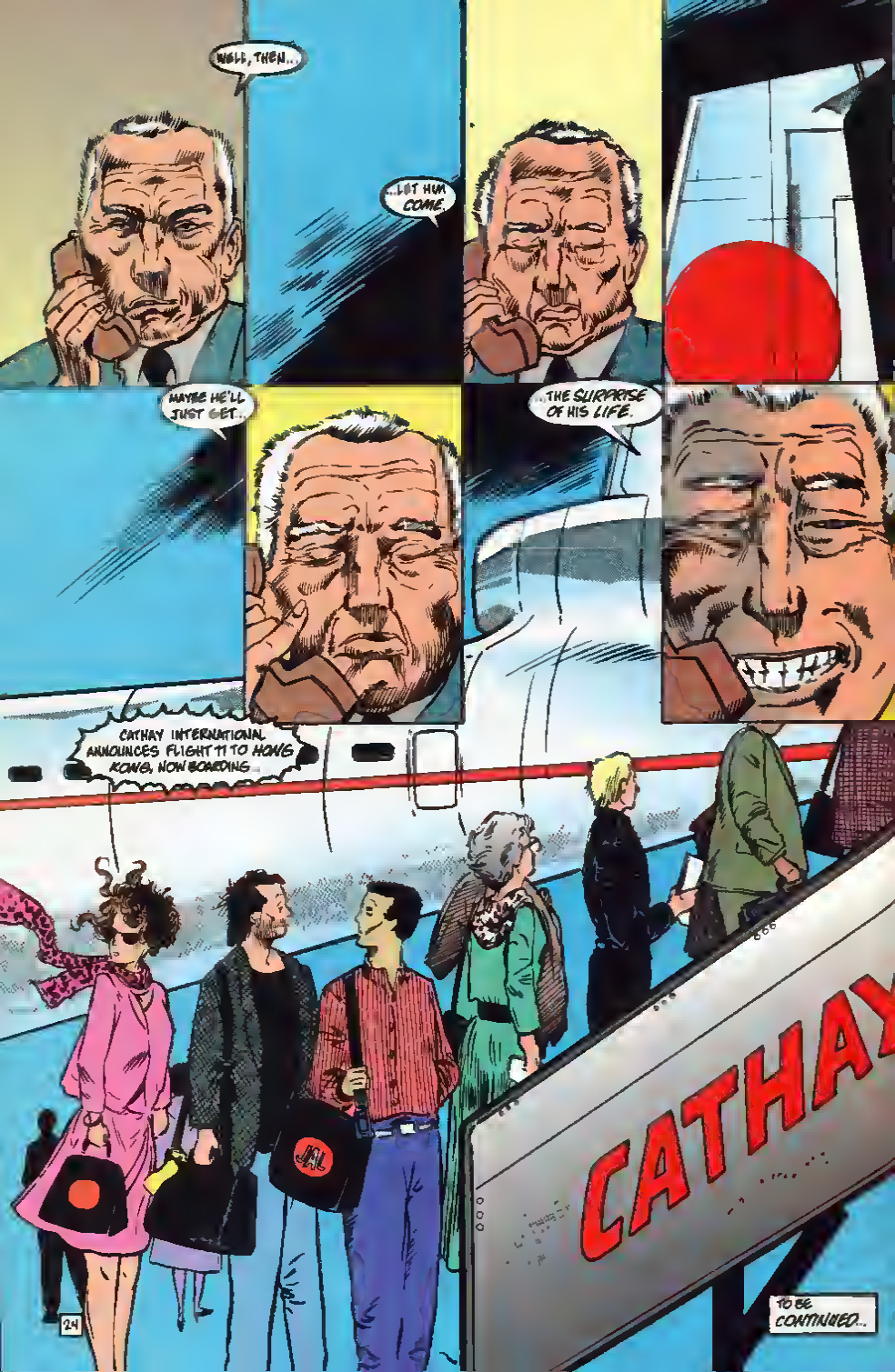
TIME TO START KILLING CHICKENS HOW MUCH DOES THIS KID KNOW?
NOT SO MUCH, WE THINK. BUT HE IS POLITICAL. HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE UN-PLEASANTNESS IN TIENANMEN SQUARE LAST MONTH
<SORRY, SIR. OVERSEAS TELEPHONE FOR SUITCLIFFE-SAN.>
SUITCLIFFE.
IT'S CHARLIE IN DALLAS, MR SUITCLIFFE. JACK MARSHALL WAS HERE THIS MORNING, SNIFFING AROUND
I OVERHEARD HIM ON THE PHONE, SIR. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT THIS, BUT HE DID SAY SOMETHING ABOUT
GOING TO CHINA
DID HE?


WELL, THEN...
...LET HIM COME.
MAYBE HE'LL JUST GET...
...THE SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE.
CATHAY INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES FLIGHT 11 TO HONG KONG, NOW BOARDING...
CATHAY
TO BE CONTINUED...